

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, May 25, 2006, 8:00 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Members:	Jim Hewitt, V.J. Nelson, Patrick O'Donnell and Jeff Searcy. Karen Kilgarin, Tom Laging and Kim Todd absent.
Others:	Tom Young (Design Associates); Mark Hunzeker (Pierson Fitchett Law Firm); Glenn Hillhouse (Glenn's Body Shop); Clay Buell (Citizen); Lynn Johnson and Jerry Shorney (Parks and Recreation); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department).

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Chair Searcy called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Approval of meeting notes of April 27, 2006

Hewitt moved approval of the April 27, 2006 meeting notes as amended with suggested changes by Bob Ripley, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Nelson, O'Donnell and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging and Todd absent.

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness by Glenn Hillhouse for demolition and new construction on K Street, southwest corner of S. 21st Street in the Capitol Environs District.

Hunzeker presented drawings of the proposed site along with a landscape plan. He noted that the Commissioners have seen the site plan at a previous meeting. Young stated that this an auto body shop. The walls are planned to be concrete block with foam block forms. It will have a dryvit finish. The awnings will be vinyl. Hunzeker stated that they agreed to meet or exceed the new landscape design standards as they want to enhance that corner.

Zimmer asked about the street trees. Hunzeker stated that they will probably not take out any trees unless they are in the middle of a driveway or if Parks and Recreation requests it. Johnson requested that the ash trees be replaced with a different variety. Hunzeker agreed to this.

Hunzeker noted that the Commission approved the change of zone in January for the east 250 feet of the site, but the actual re-zoning was 280 feet to accommodate the required setback. The only other change to the site plan was that the access to the parking lot was moved farther to the west.

Nelson moved approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by O'Donnell. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Nelson, O'Donnell and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging and Todd absent.

Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness by Design Associates for Growth Management Corp. for new construction at the southeast corner of N. 14th and Q Streets in the Capitol Environs District.

Tom Young stated that the site for this coffee shop at 14th and Q Streets is a very long narrow lot. The entrance will be from the alley on 14th Street with the exit off of Q Street. There is an outside café area for tables and is fenced. There is quite a bit of planting with brick borders. They are taking out some of the existing screening in the existing parking lot. They changed the roof from a sloped roof to a flat one.

Signs will likely be on the corner of the building. Zimmer stated that a sign drawing should be submitted when it is decided upon. The key would be to keep the signs in line with the architecture of the building.

Zimmer stated that he believes that the design is much more urban and improved from the previous design.

Hewitt moved approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by O'Donnell. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Nelson, O'Donnell and Searcy voting 'yes'; Kilgarin, Laging and Todd absent.

Staff Report

Zimmer stated that he discussed the J Street bridge for Antelope Valley with Scott Sullivan, who indicated that he may be ready to bring something to the Commission next month.

Zimmer also noted that he is working on the Downtown Design Standards.

Johnson commented that he has not received an update on the public art project on Centennial Mall. Searcy noted that an opportunity for a large vision project would be the sesquicentennial in 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

***Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Capitol Environs Commission. ***